**HOUSE . . . . . . . No. 1500** 

By Mr. Smizik of Brookline, petition of Frank I. Smizik and others for legislation to protect the assets of spouses of residents of nursing homes. Elder Affairs.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO PROTECT ASSETS OF THE SPOUSE OF A NURSING HOME RESIDENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Section 21A of Chapter 188E of the General Laws, is hereby
- 2 modified by adding the following phrase at the end of subsection
- 3(2)(v):

- 4 Provided that the division shall establish the maximum commu-
- 5 nity spouse resource allowance permissible under 42 U.S.C.
- 6 s.1396-r(5)(f)(2).